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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SEDU, CVIS, PINT, LY  
SUBJ: LIBYAN STUDENTS IN THE US

REF: TRIPOLI A-3

1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED OFFICIAL LETTER, WORDED MUCH LIKE  
A NOTE VERBALE, FROM THE GENERAL STUDENT UNION THANKING  
THE EMBASSY FOR OUR "COOPERATION WITH THE LIBYAN STUDENTS  
IN US" BUT ALSO ASKING US "NOT TO ISSUE VISAS TO STUDENTS  
NOT HAVING BEEN IN THE US BEFORE UNLESS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE  
TO GIVE OUR PERSONAL ADVISORY OPINION."

2. IF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OR EL-FATEH OR GARYOUNIS  
UNIVERSITY ADVISED US THAT SOME OF THEIR SCHOLARSHIP  
LETTERS WERE NO LONGER VALID, WE WOULD ACT ACCORDINGLY,  
ASKING FOR CURRENT PROOF OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT. HOWEVER,  
THE STUDENT UNION IS IN EFFECT AN ARM OF THE SECRET  
POLICE DSIGNED TO KEEP TABS ON STUDENTS OVERSEAS AND DOES  
NOT SPONSOR THE STUDENTS OVERSEAS. CONSEQUENTLY, ITS  
REQUEST WILL BE IGNORED AND NOT ACKNOWLEDGED IN ANY WAY.

3. LIBYAN STUDENTS AND EXCHANGE VISITORS (NOW MOSTLY  
THE LATTER SINCE THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT HAS LATCHED  
ON TO THE 2 YEAR FOREIGN RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT  
BECAUSE OF ITS GROWING FEARS THAT LIBYAN STUDENTS  
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DO NOT WANT TO RETURN HERE) CONTINUE TO APPLY FOR  
VISAS IN DROVES. WE ISSUED ALMOST 700 VISAS, MOSTLY  
TO STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, IN JULY. THE AUGUST  
TOTAL SHOULD BE ALMOST AS HIGH.

4. COMMENT: THE STUDENT UNION LETTER IS CONSISTENT  
WITH RUMORS WE HAVE HEARD THAT THE UNIVERSITIES HERE

MAY NOT OPEN THIS YEAR IN ORDER THAT THE STUDENTS  
MAY BE INDUCTED INTO THE ARMED FORCES. THE GOVERNMENT  
OBVIOUSLY WANTS TO CURTAIL THE OUTFLOW OF YOUNG LIBYANS,  
BUT IS AFRAID THAT ITS OWN BUREAUCRACY IS NOT EFFICIENT  
ENOUGH TO PREVENT THEIR DEPARTURE. THE ISSUANCE OF A  
FOREIGN VISA SHOULD BE IRRELEVANT IN LIBYAN EFFORTS  
TO PREVENT DEPARTURE OF ITS CITIZENS, SINCE ALL  
LIBYANS NEED EXIT VISAS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.  
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